Findon Primary School's Newsletter

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Important Dates

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November 1	Year 5/6 Bike Ed
November 4	**Curriculum Day - Pupil Free Day**
November 5	**Melbourne Cup Public Holiday**
November 6	Year 1/2 Police Incursion
November 7	Year 3 - 6 AFP Cyber Safety Program
November 11	Year 5/6 Hoop Time Basketball Regional Final
November 13	Arts Festival
November 14	Year 3/4 Hoop Time Basketball Competition
November 18	SRC Bounce Excursion
December 10	Meet the Teacher Day F - 5
December 10	Year 6 - 7 Orientation Day
December 11	Whole School Celebration Day
December 12	Year 5 Mill Park Secondary College Taster Day
December 16	Year 6 Graduation
December 18	Family Carols Night
December 19	**Last Day of Term 4 for Students - 1:30pm Dismissal**
December 20	**Last Day of Term 4 for Staff - Pupil Free Day**

Principal's Message

Hello from Anita😊

Findon Values:

Be Respectful…….by saying please and thank you

Be Responsible……by looking after your belongings

Be Honest……by telling the truth

Do Your Best……by being the best version of yourself

Show Care and Compassion…….by helping someone

Welcome back to a new term at Findon😊

Sooo many things going on this term. I hope all our students and Findon families had a restful break over the Term 3 holidays. I know I tried!

There were so many fantastic things that happened before the holiday break. The Year 1/2 Games Night and Sleepover and the Year 3/4 Phillip Island Camp were an example where our students experienced new learning. I was very proud of all the students and teachers and am thankful that as a school, we work hard to allow our students to have these opportunities.

Fundraising

I am continuing to work with the Fundraising team, led by Florence and a dedicated set of parent helpers. Fundraising continues to work in partnership with our school to support our overall upgrade process. Over the holidays we were able to work on our canteen, multipurpose hall/gym and chook pen. Thank you to those parents who have shared their excitement with us about seeing these types of improvements come along.
I am looking forward to further improvements as time progresses.

Thank you also to the parents and volunteers who give up their time to support the organisation of the coming Arts Festival. Your help is sooo appreciated by us all.

You will very soon, be receiving information regarding the parent payments for 2025. Any contributions that you do make to the school in respect to:

- Buildings and Grounds
- ICT and Digital Learning
- Teaching and Learning resources

are all valuable contributions to helping our students and families have the best school environment and up to date resources for effective teaching and learning.

2025 Enrolments

A reminder to families to please let the office know as soon as possible if your child will not be returning to Findon in 2025. We are currently working through planning for 2025, and the expected student numbers of our school is a major part of that organisation.

Please spread the news that we are continuing to take Foundation enrolments for 2025. I am continuing to conduct school tours, and these can be booked through the office as well.

Attendance

Schooling is compulsory for children and young people aged from 6 to 17 years unless an exemption from attendance or enrolment has been granted through the Department of Education.

Daily school attendance is important for all children and young people to succeed in education and to ensure they don't fall behind both socially and developmentally. It is important that children develop habits of regular attendance at an early age. School participation is important as it maximises life opportunities for children and young people by providing them with education and support networks. School helps people to develop important skills, knowledge and values which set them up for further learning and participation in their community.

At Findon Primary School, we are working hard to encourage all our students to be on time, at school and in attendance, every day. Sometimes there are students who find coming to school challenging, so we work to support these students with different strategies. Please contact your child's classroom teacher, Jenny (Mrs T), Laura or myself, if you have a concern or need support. We also have our school counsellor, Farzana, as a support person as well to work with students where needed.

Appointments and Early Departures

Learning time is very important for our students across their day. Please remember to keep **appointments to a minimum,** if possible, for our students, during their school day. We do understand where some appointments are unavoidable and need to happen at particular times because of appointment accessibility.

We have also noticed that a large percentage of students are being picked up early and missing valuable learning time in the afternoon. This also causes disruptions to the classroom learning overall.

We thank our parents and community for their support in keeping these disruptions to a minimum as much as possible.

Arts Extension Group

I would like to express my pride in our students and the work that Nicole is doing with the Art Extension Group. Slowly across the school, you will start to see projects that the students have been working on that showcase our amazing student talent and will leave a lasting legacy within our school culture and environment.

These students have investigated, collaborated and planned designs and ideas that have been built upon through our commitment to the Arts and the hard work of Nicole and commitment by our school. I sincerely look forward to seeing this extension artwork displayed across the school that truly reflects our school values, purpose and mission.

World Teachers' Day

World Teachers' Day is celebrated on Friday 25 October 2024.
World Teachers' Day was first recognised in 1994, so this year marks 30 years of recognising the extraordinary value of the work teachers do and providing the community with the opportunity to express collective thanks to teachers for their hard and effective work.

I would like to thank all our teachers at Findon Primary who work hard every day to support our students with their learning and overall health and wellbeing. Our village of learners could not exist without them😊

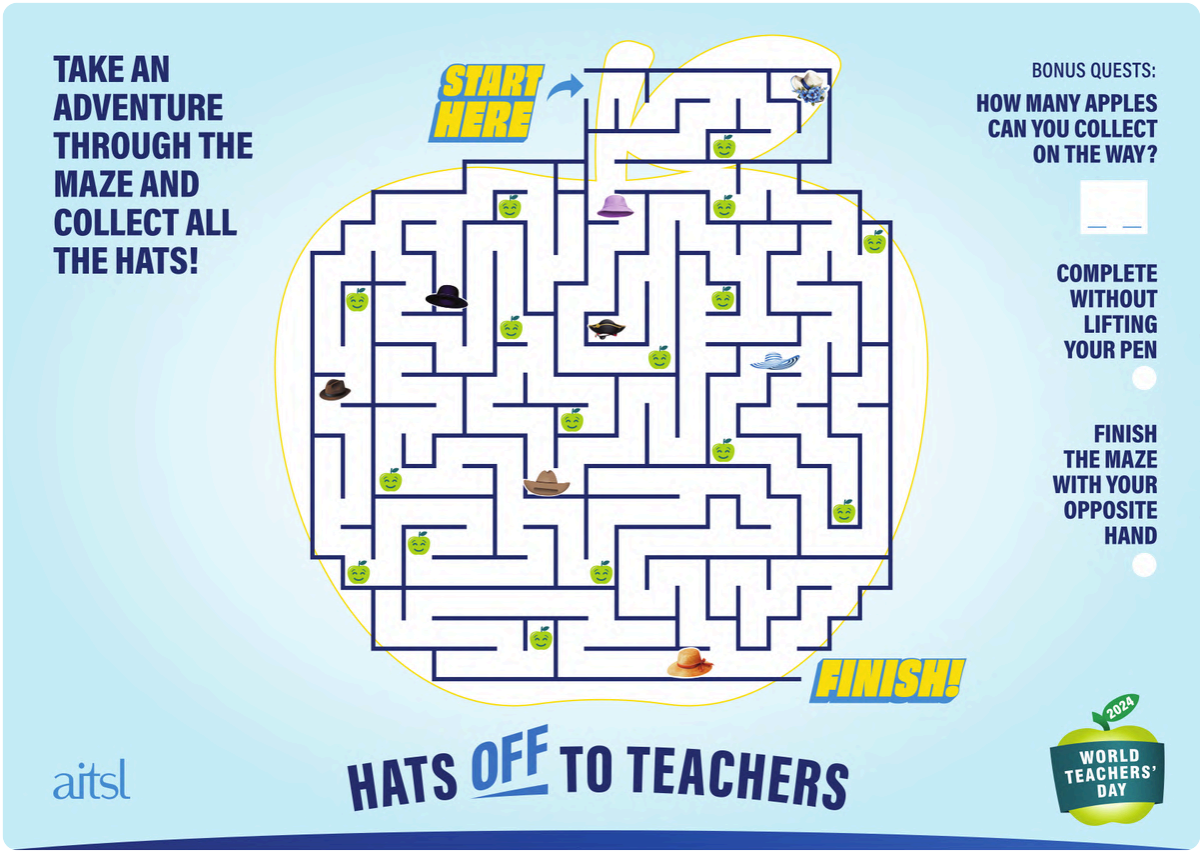
Enjoy the days that are coming with sunshine and please remember to wear your hats outside at all times during play

Thank you for your continued support to our school and students.

Thank you,

Anita Osavkovska

Principal



Student of the Week

Term 3, Week 4

Class	Name	Value
FA - Nicole & Jessica	Lola	Do Your Best
FB - Sarina & Mel	Malaika	Do Your Best
1/2 A - Buse	Keanu	Do Your Best
1/2 B - Florence & Tenielle	Elliott	Be Responsible
1/2 C - Olivia	Lucas	Show Care and Compassion
3/4 A - Daniel	Haydar	Do Your Best
3/4 B - Celeste	Braelyn	Do Your Best
3/4 C - Siham	Yasmin	Show Care and Compassion
3/4 D - Melissa	Lexi	Do Your Best
5/6 A - Joel/Hope	Mia	Do Your Best
5/6 B - Jordan	Meyra	Show Care and Compassion
5/6 C - Monica & Natasha	Etu	Do Your Best
5/6 D - Mrs J	Joshua	Respect
AUSLAN	Chloe (3/4D)	Do Your Best
STEM	Parina (3/4C)	Do Your Best
EAL	Innocent (5/6C)	Be Responsible
Kitchen	Lucinda (5/6B)	Do Your Best

Term 3, Week 5

Class	Name	Value
FA - Nicole & Jessica	Ryder	Do Your Best
FB - Sarina & Mel	Sarah	Be Respectful
1/2 B - Florence & Tenielle	Savya	Doing Your Best
1/2 C - Olivia	Zayn	Doing your Best
3/4 A - Daniel	Zahlia	Be Responsible
3/4 B - Celeste	Elijah	Be Respectful
3/4 C - Siham	Wayne	Be Responsible
3/4 D - Melissa	Nikhitaa	Show Care and Compassion
5/6 A - Joel/Hope	Emerson	Show Care and Compassion
5/6 B - Jordan	Ava	All Values
5/6 C - Monica & Natasha	Lena	Be Responsible
5/6 D - Mrs J	Byron	Do Your Best
VA (Jen)	Lola Day (FA)	Do Your Best
VA (Nic)	Jed (5/6B)	Do Your Best
AUSLAN	Savannah (FA)	Do Your Best
STEM	Aaron (5/6C)	Do Your Best
EAL	Haydar (3/4A)	Do Your Best
Kitchen	Francis (3/4C)	Be Responsible
Wellbeing (Mrs Y)	Chloe (3/4B)	Outstanding progress and personal growth
	Frankie (3/4A)	Show Care and Compassion

Term 3, Week 6

Class	Name	Value
FA - Nicole & Jessica	Sheharyar	Do Your Best
FB - Sarina & Mel	Ally	Show Care and Compassion
1/2 A - Buse	Sebastian	Be Responsible
1/2 B - Florence & Tenielle	Conor	Be Responsible
1/2 C - Olivia	Oromiyaa	Be Respectful
3/4 A - Daniel	Joey	Be Respectful
3/4 B - Celeste	Lilian	Be Responsible
3/4 C - Siham	Maeezah	Be Responsible
3/4 D - Melissa	Ramsey	Do Your Best
5/6 A - Joel	Carter	Do Your Best
5/6 B - Jordan	Sylvana	Be Responsible
5/6 C - Monica & Natasha	Nathan	Do Your Best
5/6 D - Mrs J	Sebastian	Be Responsible

STEM	Layla (3/4D)	Do Your Best
EAL	Jason (1/2A)	Do Your Best
Kitchen	Vivi (5/6D)	Be Responsible
Wellbeing - Mrs Y	Shelbie (5/6A)	Show Care and Compassion
TLI - Mrs Murray	Claudia (3/4B)	Do Your Best

Term 3, Week 8

Class	Name	Value
FA - Nicole & Jessica	Mason	Do Your Best
FB - Sarina & Mel	Sebastian	Be Responsible
1/2 A - Buse	Mackenzie	Do Your Best
1/2 B - Florence & Tenielle	Peter	Be Respectful
3/4 A - Daniel	Harry	Show Care and Compassion
3/4 B - Celeste	Lucas	Do Your Best
3/4 C - Siham	Jimmy	Do Your Best
3/4 D - Melissa	Aalia	Do Your Best
5/6 A - Joel	Savannah	Do Your Best
5/6 C - Monica & Natasha	Alex	Do Your Best
5/6 D - Mrs J	Brodie	Do Your Best
PE	Carter (5/6A)	Show Care and Compassion
VA (Jen)	John (1/2A)	Do Your Best
VA (Nic)	Lucas (3/4C)	Do Your Best
AUSLAN	Hannah (5/6B)	Do Your Best
STEM	Ali (3/4B)	Do Your Best
EAL	Yaseen (1/2B)	Be Responsible
Kitchen	Meyra (5/6B)	Do Your Best

Term 3, Week 10

Class	Name	Value
FA - Nicole & Jessica	Aren	Be Responsible
1/2 A - Buse	Diyan	Do Your Best
1/2 B - Florence & Tenielle	Chloe	Do Your Best
1/2 C - Olivia	Michael	Do Your Best
3/4 A - Daniel	Whole Class	Do Your Best
3/4 B - Celeste	Whole Class	Do Your Best

3/4 C - Siham	Whole Class	Do Your Best
3/4 D - Melissa	Whole Class	Do Your Best
5/6 A - Joel	Shelbie	Show Care and Compassion
5/6 C - Monica & Natasha	Kobi	Do Your Best
5/6 D - Mrs J	Calvin	Do Your Best
PE	Isla (5/6B)	Do Your Best
VA (Jen)	Sarah (FB)	Do Your Best
VA (Nic)	Layla (5/6A)	Do Your Best
STEM	Mason (FA)	Do Your Best
EAL	Carlie (1/2B)	Do Your Best
Kitchen	Lena (5/6C)	Do Your Best
TLI - Mrs Murray	Shelbie (5/6A)	Do Your Best

Term 4, Week 2

Class	Name	Value
FA - Nicole & Jessica	Kitana	Do Your Best
FB - Sarina & Mel	Hani	Do Your Best
1/2 A - Buse	Lukas	Do Your Best
1/2 B - Florence & Tenielle	Carlie	Do Your Best
1/2 C - Olivia	Kayleb	Do Your Best
3/4 A - Daniel	Noah	Do Your Best
3/4 B - Celeste	Hayley	Show Care and Compassion
3/4 C - Siham	Noah	Be Responsible
3/4 D - Melissa	Emma	Be Responsible
5/6 A - Joel	Dilhan	Do Your Best
5/6 B - Jordan	Arissa	All Values
5/6 C - Monica & Natasha	Hannah	Be Responsible
5/6 D - Mrs J	Noah	Be Responsible

PE	Ihsan (FB)	Do Your Best
VA (Nicole)	Klea (5/6D)	Do Your Best
VA (Mrs T)	Priyana (1/2B)	Be Responsible
AUSLAN	Vinson (3/4A)	Show Care and Compassion
EAL	Amish (1/2A)	Do Your Best
Kitchen	Joey (3/4A)	Do Your Best
TLI - Mrs Murray	Jade (3/4D)	Do Your Best

Term 4, Week 3

Class	Name	Value
FA - Nicole & Jessica	Aren	Do Your Best
FB - Sarina & Mel	Declan	Be Responsible
1/2 A - Buse	Gabby	Do Your Best
1/2 B - Florence & Tenielle	Ilia	Do Your Best
1/2 C - Olivia	Emiliano	Do Your Best
3/4 A - Daniel	Annabel	Show Care and Compassion
3/4 B - Celeste	Sofia	Do Your Best
3/4 C - Siham	Lucas	Do Your Best
3/4 D - Melissa	Niko	Do Your Best
5/6 A - Joel	Suri	Do Your Best
5/6 B - Jordan	Lucinda	Do Your Best
5/6 C - Monica & Natasha	Millie	Do Your Best
5/6 D - Mrs J	Sienna	Do Your Best
PE	Luca Nam (FA)	Do Your Best
VA (Nicole)	Hamish (5/6C)	Do Your Best
AUSLAN	Deniz (3/4C)	Do Your Best
STEM	Myriam (3/4B)	Be Respectful
EAL	Sofia (3/4B)	Do Your Best
Kitchen	Jed (5/6B)	Do Your Best
TLI - Mrs Murray	Alfie (1/2B)	Do Your Best

Class Leaders

FA	Ahnaf	Roya
FB	Cody	Ihsan
1/2A	Diyan	Storey
1/2B	Austin	Ali
1/2C	Zayam	Willow
3/4A	Adrian	Evie
3/4B	Elijah	Braelyn
3/4C	Leonel	Jimmy
3/4D	Jakarri	Jade
5/6A	Louis	Aaliya
5/6B	Sylvana	Sirvan
5/6C	Dyson	Jesse
5/6D	Aden	Hunter

Sports Report

PHYSICAL EDUCATION

SPORTS REPORT

Term 4, Week 2, 2024

By Christella Paschalis

Sports Coordinator and Physical Education

Teacher

Year 5/6 Hoop Time Basketball Boys A Team – Regionals

Have you heard? Our outstanding Hoop Time Basketball Boys A Team has secured a wildcard entry into the REGIONAL competition, following their impressive achievement as runners-up at the district level.

Not only did they showcase exceptional sportsmanship both on and off the court, but they also earned this opportunity under the guidance of Kerry's and Andre Johnson-Waters, who generously volunteers their time to coach and support our team. Training sessions have already begun and will continue leading up to the championship day in Term 4, Week 6 on Monday 11th November.

Year 3/4 Hoop Time Basketball Squad

Our Year 3/4 Hoop Time Basketball squad has been selected, and notices have been sent to parents. Training sessions will take place every Wednesday and Thursday, beginning this week.

To remain in the squad, students must consistently display positive behaviour during training, classroom and specialist lessons. Selection is based not only on skill but also on students embodying our school values, which are key to fostering a supportive and successful learning environment. Maintaining high behavioural standards ensures that all students can thrive, both on and off the court.

The event will be held in Term 4, Week 6, on Thursday 14th November at Mill Park Basketball Stadium. The fixture will be shared once it is available.

Our coaches will be Mr Fromm, alongside Austin, Carter, and Lincoln A, with additional support from our Sports Captains: Lachlan, Alex, Darcey, and Noah B. We are excited to represent our district in this thrilling one-day event.

Regional Athletics Carnival – Wednesday 16th October

A huge congratulations to Jasmine (Year 6) for qualifying for the regional competition in both High Jump and Long Jump. Your quiet determination and hard work have truly paid off. We are all cheering you on and wishing you the best of luck—go Jasmine!

Attire for PE Lessons

As the weather warms up, please ensure students are dressed in the proper school uniform with suitable layers, especially on days when they have PE lessons. Hats are now compulsory, and students must wear appropriate runners for physical activity. Let's keep everyone sun-safe and ready to participate.

Bike Education – coming soon…

We are excited to announce our first-ever Bike Education incursion for Year 5/6 students. This free event will take place on school grounds, and we encourage students to bring their own bikes from home, as it is ideal to learn on the bike they regularly use. However, for those who do not have access to a bike, we will provide a shared bike for the incursion.

For students bringing their own bikes, please give them a quick check-up beforehand, make sure the chain, brakes, and tyres are all in good condition. Helmets are compulsory for everyone, and students will not be able to participate without one.

We are looking forward to a fun and safe learning experience.

3/4 Camp: Phillip Island

At the end of Term 3, our Year 3/4 students embarked on an exciting camp to Phillip Island, filled with adventure, learning, and unforgettable experiences. Despite the rainy weather, spirits were high as we kicked off the journey with a stop at Tooradin. From there, we headed to the Phillip Island Animal Sanctuary, where students had the chance to get up close with some of Australia's most iconic wildlife, including feeding kangaroos, wallabies, and emus—a truly special experience!

On the first evening, we visited the famous **Phillip Island Penguin Parade**. The students were captivated as they learned about the lives of the little penguins and the conservation efforts in place to protect them. Watching the penguins waddle up the shore and retreat to their burrows was a magical highlight for many.

Day 2 began with a refreshing beach walk and sandcastle building, before returning to camp for a range of exciting activities. The students enjoyed everything from the Giant Swing and Flying Fox to Rock Climbing, Archery, and Pedal Racers. The day concluded around a cozy campfire with toasted marshmallows, followed by a lively trivia competition and a short but energetic dance party.

As well as all of our outstanding adventures, we were lucky to be treated to the newly renovated, spacious rooms at The Island, as well as delicious meals that kept our energy levels up. Cookies and cake were definitely favourites amongst our hungry campers.

The camp was a fantastic opportunity for students to bond, challenge themselves, and create lasting memories. A huge thank you to the staff and our parent volunteer, James, who helped make this adventure such a success!

Arts Festival

Our Arts Festival is almost here!

Date: Wednesday 13th, November 2024

Time: 4:30pm to 7:30pm

Location: Findon Primary School

Theme: A Night at the Disco

Tickets and Showbags are available on Compass Shop!

See below for Ticket and Showbag information.

Helpers Wanted!

If you're able to lend a hand with setting up our Arts Festival or helping us running stalls and activities on the night, click on the links below to sign up!

Register to Help Set Up

Register to Help Run the Night

How to order Showbags:

- Open the Compass App
- Tap on 'More' (Bottom Right Corner)
- Tap on 'Shop'
- Tap on 'Place Order
- Select the child your order is for
- Select the 'Showbags - 2024' Shop
- Choose your items
- Once selections have been made, tap 'Proceed to review order', then 'Add order' and 'Confirm and Pay'.

Preorder Your Arts Festival Tickets

Escape the hustle and bustle, long queues and purchase your tickets prior to the event! There will only be 1 ticket station to purchase your tickets on the night. All stalls and activities will be ticketed with no money exchanged.

Please see full list of the ticketing system and pricelist attached.

Please note tickets are non-refundable

Head to Compass Shop now to buy your tickets and wrist bands!

How to order Tickets:

- Open the Compass App
- Tap on ‘More’ (Bottom Right Corner)
- Tap on ‘Shop’
- Tap on ‘Place Order
- Select the child your order is for
- Select the ‘Arts Festival Tickets - 2024’ Shop
- Choose your items
- Once selections have been made, tap ‘Proceed to review order’, then ‘Add order’ and ‘Confirm and Pay’.